[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

(*g*) The cost in 1105 was Rs. 74-27-2 and that in 1106 Rs. 213-23-0.

(*h*) Messrs. Jnanasikhamony, Retired Munsiff and T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai, Ex-M. L. C. They were selected by the Head of the Department.

(*i*) Yes.

Green leaf manure in Nanjinad.

27. ***Mr. V. Chellam Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to plant good green leaf manure trees and plants in the poramboke and forest lands in Nanjinad; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the proposal?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal is to select two or three blocks having an area of more than 100 acres each near villages for the cultivation of manure trees on taungya system.

Hand-made paper.

28. ***Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any attempt has been made to start hand-made paper industry in the State;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, in which part of Travancore this industry has been started; and

(*c*) what quantity of such paper has been manufactured during the last two years?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In Trivandrum, Neyyattinkara and Adoor.

(*c*) Government have no definite information.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, may I know whether the Government will take greater interest in the production of hand-made paper in the State on account of the scarcity of paper now?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: The cost of hand-made paper is generally three to four times the cost of machine-made paper. Its quality can never compare with machine-made paper. Even with the present quality of the machine-made paper people are so dissatisfied that they are reluctant to buy such poor grades of machine-made paper. So hand-made paper has got very little chance in the public eye.

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Mr. James Fletcher: Since the price of paper has risen very high, is it not possible for hand-made paper to be sold in the market at this time?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: Even then it would not be commercially practicable because hand-made paper can never be made into the thin quality needed. Therefore for its greater weight the cost will have to be correspondingly higher.

Mr. James Fletcher: Is it not possible to improve the quality of the hand-made paper.

Dr. H. Parameswaran: It is possible. But the way in which some of these industries are being carried on as a cottage business now, with no mechanical assistance results in the work being such that there is very little chance of the paper being accepted by the public at large.

Mr. James Fletcher: Is it not possible for Government to help these people to improve the quality?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: Government are giving every help possible. They have already encouraged two or three people who have come forward. We have given them orders, technical advice and help. But the requisite small machine help they must find themselves, if they are to progress.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Am I to understand that Government is discouraging people who are making hand-made paper?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: No, Sir. They are encouraging them in every way. In fact, wherever people have come forward, Government have liberally given them orders even though the price they charge remains comparatively very high.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know whether they have supplied anything so far to the Stationery Department?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: Yes, Sir. There are three contractors now supplying them. One of them has supplied special letter paper and another blotting paper, samples of which are here. With every supply they are making improvements. But the total quantity they can supply still is very small. It is now for about Rs. 5,000.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know which department of Government is looking to this industry?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: At present the Stationery Department is dealing with it directly.

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Appendix

Vide **Answer to Question No. 25.**

Statement showing receipts and expenditure of the Mascot Hotel.

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1111	25,205	21,253
1112	27,327	20,111
1113	30,671	21,897
1114	29,145	29,488
1115	25,231	32,211
1116	33,302	32,907

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